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Attitudes of N.T. Christianity, Restoring

RESTORING ATTITUDES OF N.T. CHRISTIANITY

Intro:

1. Survey restoration movement; an awakening to the need to return to N.T. pattern in doctrine and worship.

Not necessary to trace a chain of succession back to apostles---PLANT SAME SEED--SAME PRODUCT.

Restore: In NAME, ORGANIZATION, TERMS OF ADMISSION WORSHIP and WORK,

2. This, I believe, has been done--
3. But, have we fully restored N.T. Christianity?? Is there anything else needful, more than restoring the correct pattern???
4. YES, RESTORATION OF THE ATTITUDES OF FIRST CENTURY

BODY:

I. ZEAL -- Titus 2:11-14

Zeal - "A very warm interest in"

2 Cor 7:9, 11; 9:2

1. They continued steadfastly ("were being strong toward")
2. Acts 2:42; Mt 28:18-20; 1 Thess 5:17; Lk 18:1
3. Acts 2:46--they daily continued steadfastly
4. Acts 5:42; 8:4--zealously preached the word.
5. We need that zeal to counter the apathy and lethargy that cripples the work today.

Rom 10:1-3 - Zeal must be connected with knowledge.

Phil 3:6 - Paul was zealous, but wrong.

II. JOY -- Phil 4:4

1. Acts 8:39; 16:34--rejoiced in receiving the Gospel
2. Acts 11:18, 23--rejoiced when others received God
3. Acts 5:41--They could rejoice in persecution.
Mt. 5:10-12
4. Acts 2:46--They could live their daily lives with gladness.
5. Vine's definition of "GLADNESS."
6. With such joy, let us not bemoan what the world is coming to, but let us rejoice in what has come to the world.

1 Thess 3:8-9 - associated with LIFE

MANY, MANY PASSAGES OF JOY, GLADNESS

III. BOLDNESS -- Acts 4:13

1. Vine's definition of "Boldness"
2. Acts 4:29-31--Prayer helps one to be bold
Eph. 6:19-20.
3. We need boldness to tell men the good news, when they are interested, when they are not
2 Tim 4:1-4.

SHOW COURAGE; absence of fear

*CONNECTED WITH SPEECH - Bold to speak
Rom 10:20*

*Contrast - Restoration movement V2
Reformation movement -*

CONCLUSION:

1. Zeal, joy and boldness proceeding from a living faith in Christ Jesus.

These will prepare us to set out to conquer the world; lead others to lamb of God.

2. Zeal--there will be no more lost opportunities because of laziness.

Joy--there will be no more time wasted complaining

Boldness--there will be no shrinking from proclaiming the whole counsel of God.

3. Only when we have returned to these and similar attitudes, as well as the N.T. pattern, will we have succeeded in restoring N.T. Christianity

4. N.T. obedience to Gospel necessary.

RESTORE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN:

① NAME - Rom 16:16

② ORGANIZATION - Elders - Acts 14:23 } Tim 3:1-10
Deacons - Acts 6

LOCAL CONGREGATION

③ TERMS OF SALVATION - Ham, Belief, Repent, Conf., Baptism

④ WORSHIP - Sing, Prayer, L.S., Give, Teach
Eph 5:19 1 Th 5:17 1 Cor 11 1 Cor 16

⑤ WORK - Eph 4:12 -

- (1) Perfecting Saints
- (2) Ministering to SAINTS
- (3) Preaching to the lost